

Ela Township Board Meeting
Thursday, May 13th, 2004
7:30PM
Village of Lake Zurich Board Room
70 East Main Street, Lake Zurich, Il.
Meeting Minutes
Approved 6-10-04

1. Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

2. Roll Call: Present: Supervisor Tinerella, Clerk Prouty, Trustees Black, Burch, Knudtson and Sullivan. Also present was the Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Board led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment

At this time the audience is invited to comment on any non-agenda item.

At this time there were no comments from the audience.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes 3/11/04, 4/1/04 and 4/8/04.

Trustee Sullivan's motion to approve the meeting minutes of 3/11/04 4/1/04 and 4/8/04, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Trustees Sullivan, Burch, Black, Knudtson and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

6. Approval of Disbursement Audit 4-8-04 to 5-12-04

General Town Fund	\$153,777.01
General Assistance	\$297.18
General Road Fund	\$36,979.17
Permanent Road Fund	\$51,858.43
Park Maintenance	\$52.81

Total of all funds	\$242,954.60
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Trustee Burch's motion to approve the disbursement audit for 4-8-04 to 5-12-04, seconded by Trustee Sullivan. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Sullivan, Black, Knudtson and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

7. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials (Township Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor, Highway Commissioner and Trustees) and Department Heads

(Senior Center, Youth Center and Bus Service

Supervisor Tinerella's Report

Supervisor Tinerella reported that there was a good turn out at the annual Town Meeting. The Department heads and Elected Officials gave an overview of the Township's accomplishments and future plans for where the Township is headed. The elector's main concern was focused on land acquisition and what would be placed on the land. The Sports Organizations are requesting funds to develop donated land in the villages.

Comments on the Township having more programs on helping the home bound seniors and this will be taken in to consideration by the Township Senior Director Neuschel.

Annual Financial Audit is under way and it began last week and things are going well. The management report should be available by the end of this month.

The budget is still under going changes and will be adopted by the end of June.

The Township has it first General Assistance Case in the three years that the Supervisor has been here and this is State mandated function of all Townships to provide financial assistance to a person in need and it is quite difficult to qualify especially in an area as affluent as this area and we do now have one person that has qualified and will begin receiving General Assistance from Ela Township.

Assessor Hoffman Report

The reason the Assessor is absent, she is attending require Assessor classes in Chicago. Trustee Black read an orchid letter from a taxpayer lauding Assessor Hoffman staff.

Highway Commissioner's Kruckenberg Report

Bus Service is running fine.

The briquettes are in place for mosquito larva.

Recycling will be this Saturday (May 15th, 2004) at the Highway Garage from 8:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.

Also Lake County is having a recycling at the Middle School North Parking Lot.

Trustee Sullivan-Finance Committee - No report

Trustee Knudtson-Social Service Agencies - No report.

Trustee Burch-Parks and Recreation - Will Report on the Parks later.

Trustee Black-Youth and Family Counseling - Trustee Black made this announcement, "that an offer of employment had been extended to Susan Kostner and she has agreed to become Ela Township's first Social Worker. Well checking her references I have found that she is competent and hard working and very well liked-Susan will be an asset to the Township.

Her first day will be June 1st, 2004 and steps are being taken so that she can hit the ground running. Nora is getting the paperwork together, and a laptop and cell phone are needed and we need to make space at the YMCA. I have been in contact with the YMCA and OMNI and arrangement are being made.”

“I want to confirm that the motion made at the April 26th, Board Meeting, to hire the Social Worker is sufficient enough to authorize the purchase of what equipment that will be needed for the Social Worker so that thing are ready for her on June 1st? (Telephone line, file cabinets, business cards and any incidental items she may need) and these expenditures will probably show up on next month’s audit.”

Trustee Sullivan stated that he wanted to make sure that this new employee realizes that when this Board goes out of office she could possibly be terminated. Trustee Black answered that this was true for any of the Township employees.

Trustee Black informed the Board of her and some Lions members removing some obscene graffiti off of the playground equipment at the Ela Park.

Supervisor Tinerella stated that her initial work will include the creation of a resource directory for our local area and establishing working relationship with the local police department and schools so we can begin to receive referrals and establish a case load. We need to identify measurable outcomes to provide direction for the overall plan development of social services for Ela residents.

Senior Director Sue Neuschel-was excused from the meeting.

Supervisor Tinerella said a few words on behalf of the Senior Director.

The Senior Director is very excited about forming a branch of the Red Hat Society.

The Senior Director report will be attached to the back of the minutes.

Ela Township Youth Report will also be attached to the back of the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. FYO4/05 Budget- discussion and possible action to finalize numbers for the general town fund and road district.

Trustee Knudtson Chairperson of the Social Service Agencies recapped the changes the Board made to the budget.

The Center for Enriched Living-0

A Safe Place-0

Community Companions Volunteer-0

Countryside association-the Township furnished the busing.

Emmaus House of Hospitality-\$10,000

Hospice of Northeastern Il.-0

LaCasa-0

Met. Emer. Support Services-0

NICASA-0

OMNI Youth Services-\$10,000-and the Township will continue paying for the Omni room.
SRACLC-\$10,000
Ga Reserve-0
This reduced the budget by \$78,500

Community Services

Social Worker-\$60,000
Community Events-\$5,000
L.C. Sheriff Emer. Res Dep. Assn.-0
Ela Historic Society-\$1500.00 and they can run their bills through the Township.
Explorer Scouts-0
Eagle Scout project/ Flagpole-0
Youth Community Service projects-\$2500.00
Mosquito Abatement-\$18,000
American Cancer Society/relay-0
Barrington Youth Services-0
Cultural Arts Events-0
Family Services/South Lk. Cty-0
Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection-\$60,000

Supervisor Tinerella stated that the above cuts were being made because of possible land acquisition by the Township in the future.
No action was taken on finalizing the Budget.

At this time Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg stated that he was a little disappointed in not passing of the budget as his budget has been ready since January. He also was disappointed in the answer from the attorney on why the Road District Budget was not passed at the hearing on April 8th, 2004, as the law requires. Her comment was if you have not passed the budget at the hearings in the past three years why worry about it now and besides that law on the hearing needs to be updated.
The Highway Commissioner feels that the hearing should be posted again and his budget passed legally.

Trustee Sullivan's motion to go ahead and post the public hearing notice (30 days in advance) in the paper and schedule the Special Board hearing meeting and at this meeting the Board will vote on the Road District budget, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Trustees Black, Burch, Knudtson and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 4 to 1. Supervisor Tinerella voted nay.

9. Health Insurance- discussion and possible action to increase deductible and establish an employee health reimbursement arrangement

Trustee Knudtson's motion to authorize the Department heads and the Supervisor to go forward with the changes on the new Insurance program after the meeting on Tuesday May 18th, 2004, seconded by Supervisor Tinerella. Roll Call: Trustees Knudtson, Black, Burch, Sullivan and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

10. Park Sign Lighting-possible action to order lights and approve electrical work to bring power to the site/light sources

Trustee Knudtson's motion for \$1,852.80 to purchase 4 greenlee lamps (\$463.20 each) from Creative Lighting to illuminate the Flagpole at Knox Park and at the Town Hall, seconded by Supervisor Tinerella. Roll Call: Trustees Knudtson, Burch, Sullivan, and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 4 to 1. Trustee Black voted nay as she felt that this was an unneeded expense of Taxpayers money at a time when the Township was trying to cut back on expenditures.

Trustee Burch's motion to approve proposal #217804 from A&P Electric for \$900.00 (\$450.00 a light) for two Flagpole lights to illuminate the Flag at The Ela Town Hall, seconded by Trustee Knudtson. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Knudtson, Sullivan and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 4 to 1. Trustee Black voted nay as this was an unneeded expense at this time.

Trustee Burch's motion to approve proposal #217803 from A&P Electric of \$2,933.09 for lighting improvements at Knox Park, seconded by Trustee Knudtson. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Knudtson, Sullivan, and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 4 to 1. Trustee Black voted nay as this was an unneeded expense at this time.

Trustee Burch's motion to approve proposal #217802 from A&P. Electric for \$2,046.11 for lighting improvements at Knigge Park, seconded by Trustee Knudtson. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Knudtson, Sullivan and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 4 to 0. Trustee Black voted nay as this was an unneeded expense at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

11. General Assistance 2004 flat grant amount for a family unit of one-noted for the record only-no board action required.

Supervisor Tinerella informed the Board that effective May 13, 2004 Ela Township will increase the flat grant amount to \$333.00 per month for a family of one.

12. Park maintenance work and new equipment-discussion and possible action to contract grass maintenance work and order additional park equipment for Knox Park.

Trustee Burch's motion to approve Clifford the Big Red Dog spring rider at the price of \$613.00 and \$2,606.00 for the one piece platform whirl (plus installation) at Knox Park, seconded by Trustee Knudtson. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Knudtson, and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 4 to 2. Trustee Black and Sullivan voted nay as they felt that there was enough playground equipment in Knox Park already.

Trustee Burch's motion to approve \$3280.00 to The Loar Group to put the 4 acres at Knox Park back in shape by fertilizing (\$1,150.00), weed control (\$420.00), seeding (\$835.00) and laying sod (\$875.00) by the pump house, seconded by Supervisor Tinerella. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Black, Knudtson, Sullivan and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

The Highway Commissioner recommended that the Ela Township Board not use Waterworks for any of their projects in the future, because of their mishandling of the irrigation system at Knigge Park.

13. Signage for Town Hall and new entrance at the Township community center at YMCA.

Trustee Burch's motion to approve the signs for Ela Township Senior Center (\$229.00) and for the Ela Historic Center name (\$85.00 and \$29.33 for the sign with the hours the Historic Center is open on the fence), seconded by Supervisor Tinerella. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Black, Knudtson, Sullivan and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0. An amendment was added to this motion to make sure an agreement in writing from the YMCA is obtained before hanging of any signs.

14. Cub Scout Rocket Launching at Knox Park-action to approve this year's event at Knox Park

Trustee Burch's to approve the Sara Adams Cub Scouts Pack (237) Rocket Launching and family picnic in Knox Park on June 6th, 2004 between 12:30 and 3:30, seconded by Trustee Black. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Black, Knudtson, Sullivan and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

15. Park Trash Pick-up-consideration and possible action to approve summer work

The Highway Department will be picking up the trash on Tuesday during the summer months at the Parks. The Landscape Contractor will pick-up on Friday.

16. New Ethics Legislation-action to approve Ordinance #2004-3

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to adopt Ordinance #2004-3 implementing the provisions of the State Officials and Employees ethics act (5 ILCS 430/1-1 ET SEQ.) for Ela Township, Lake County, Illinois, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Burch, Black, Knudtson and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

17. Liability Insurance-discussion and possible action to reduce umbrella coverage on next year's policy (begins June 1st, 2004)-savings =\$2000.00 /year

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to approve a reduction in the liability insurance policy and to return the coverage that the Township carried in 2001 and save \$2000, seconded by Trustee Sullivan. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Sullivan, Burch, Black, and Knudtson all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

18.American Cancer Society-finalize donation amount for team participation.

No action or discussion was needed on this agenda item, as no funding will be granted.

19.Clarke Mosquito Control -discussion and possible consideration to approve contract for upcoming season.

Trustee Burch's motion to approve the new contract with Clarke Mosquito Control for \$18,500, seconded by Trustee Knudtson. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Knudtson, Black, Sullivan and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

20.OSLAD Funding-consideration and possible action to approve resolution #2004-1

Trustee Black's motion to adopt the Resolution #2004-1 supporting continued funding for OSLAD and Natural areas grant programs and for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, seconded by Trustee Sullivan. Roll Call: Trustees Black, Sullivan, Knudtson, Burch, and supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to return closed executive session for the possible discussion of Litigation, personnel, minutes and Land Acquisition, seconded by Trustee Black. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella and Trustees Black, Burch, Knudtson and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

21.Consideration to take action on closed executive Session discussion items.

Trustee Sullivan's motion to approve the minutes of 1/08/04,1/26/04,2/12/04,2/24/04,3/05/04,3/11/04, and 3/16/04 with corrections and hold and not release, seconded by Trustee Black. Roll Call: Trustees Sullivan, Black, Knudtson and Burch all voted aye and the motion carried 4 to 1. Supervisor Tinerella voted nay.

22.Adjournment

At 9:53p.m. Ela Township Board Meeting was adjourned with the majority of the vote.

LUCY PROUTY ELA TOWNSHIP CLERK